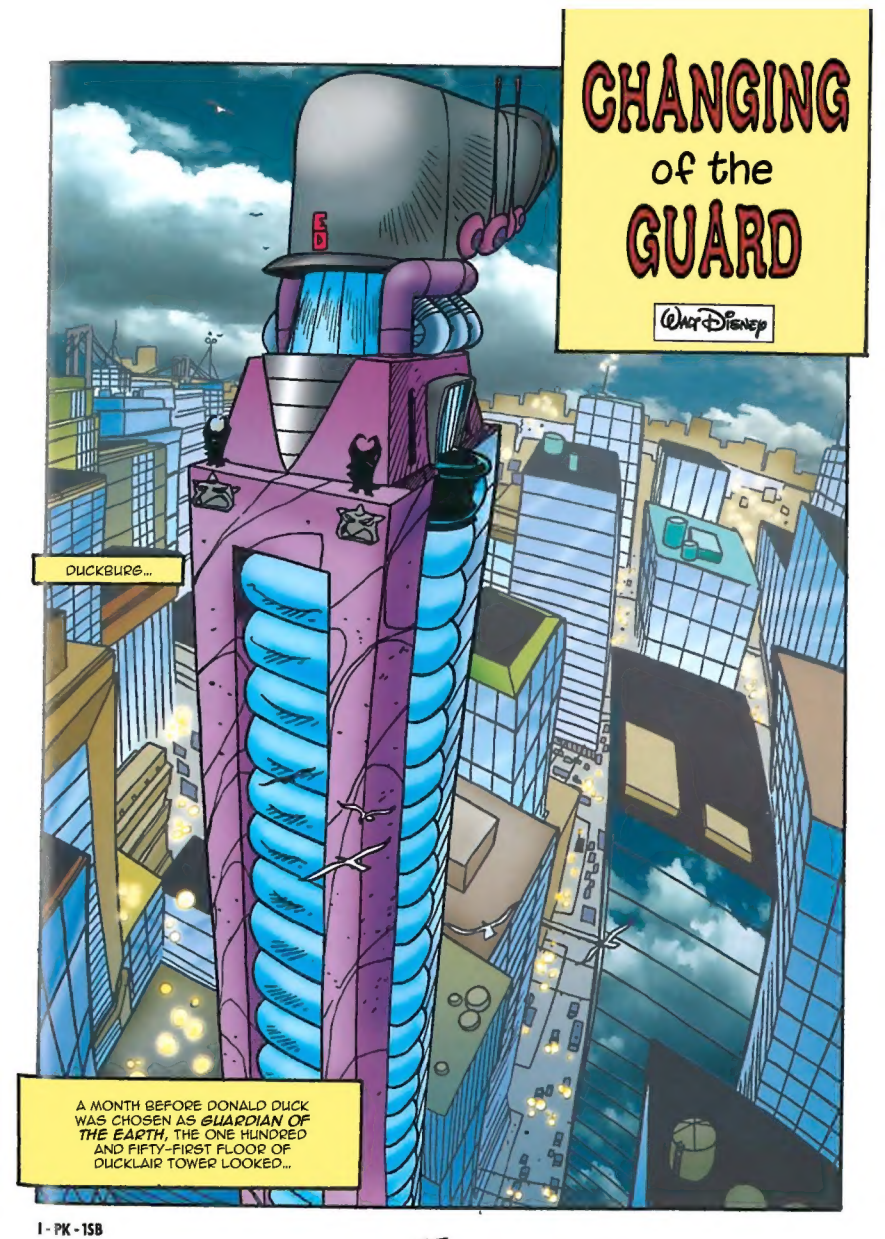
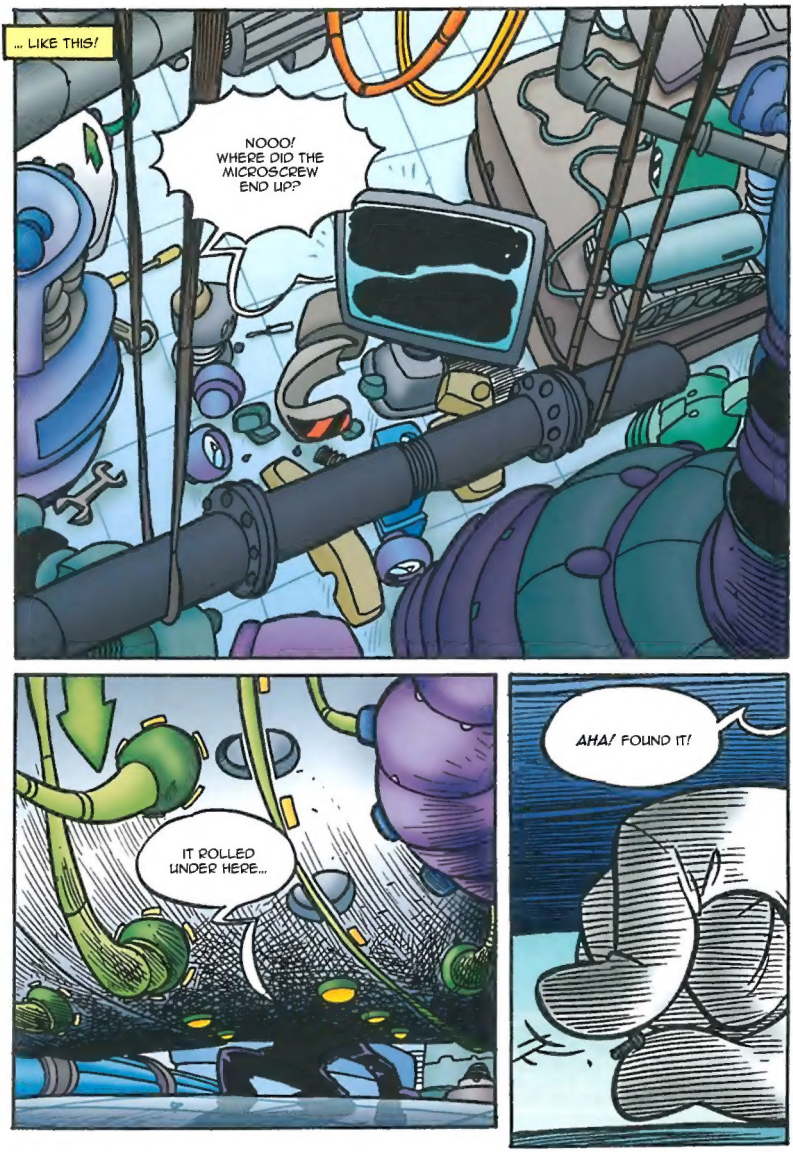
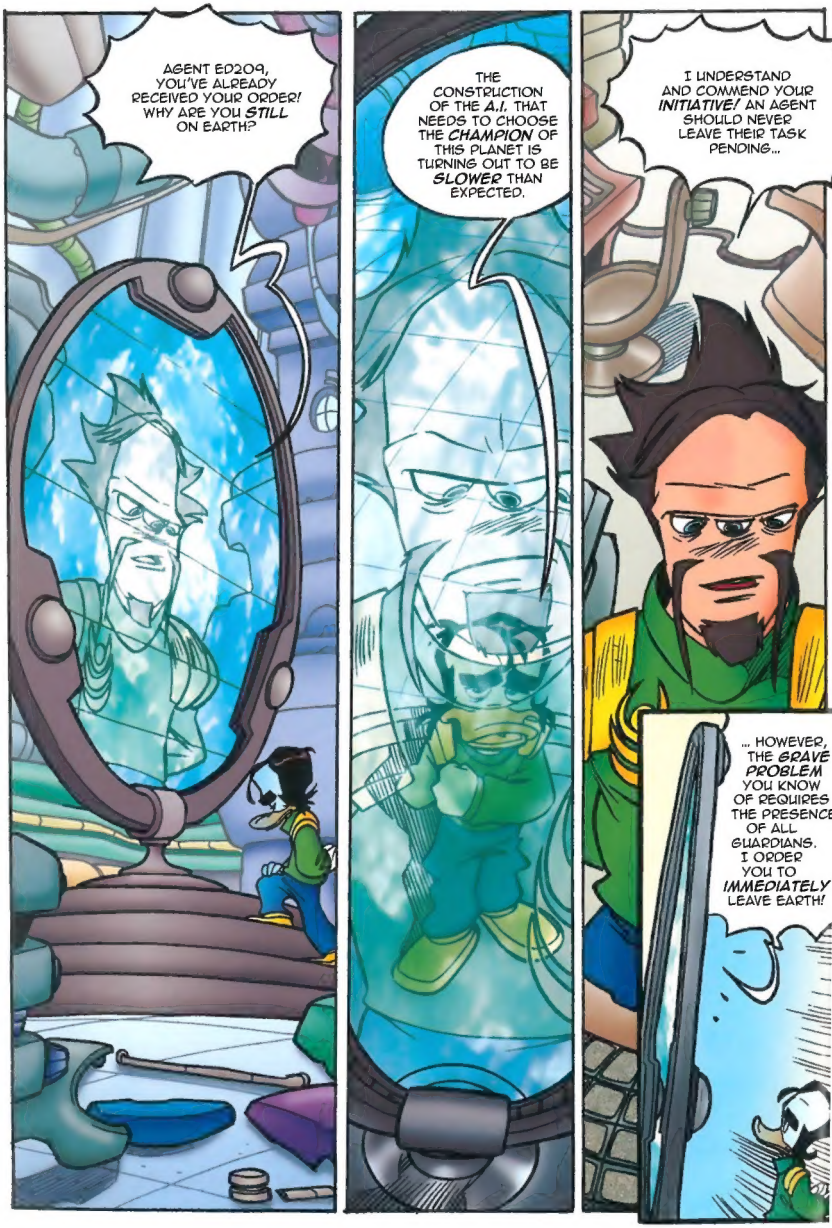
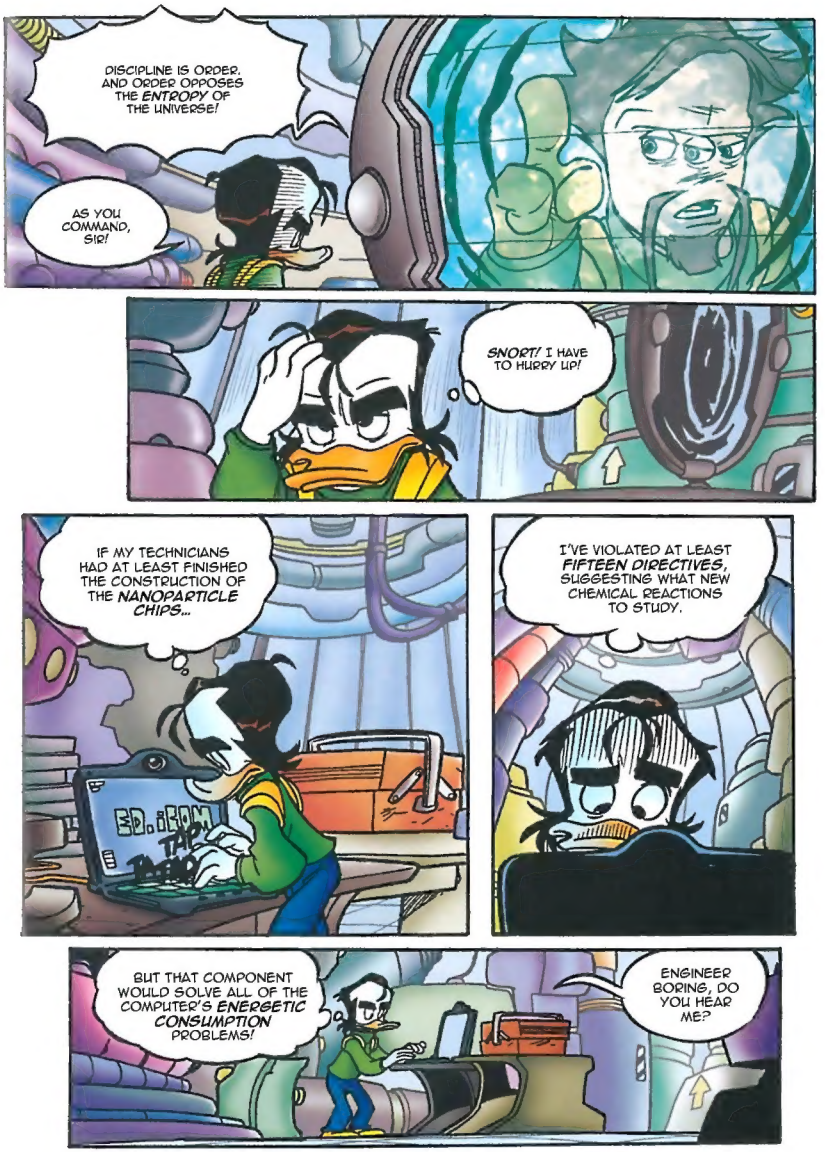
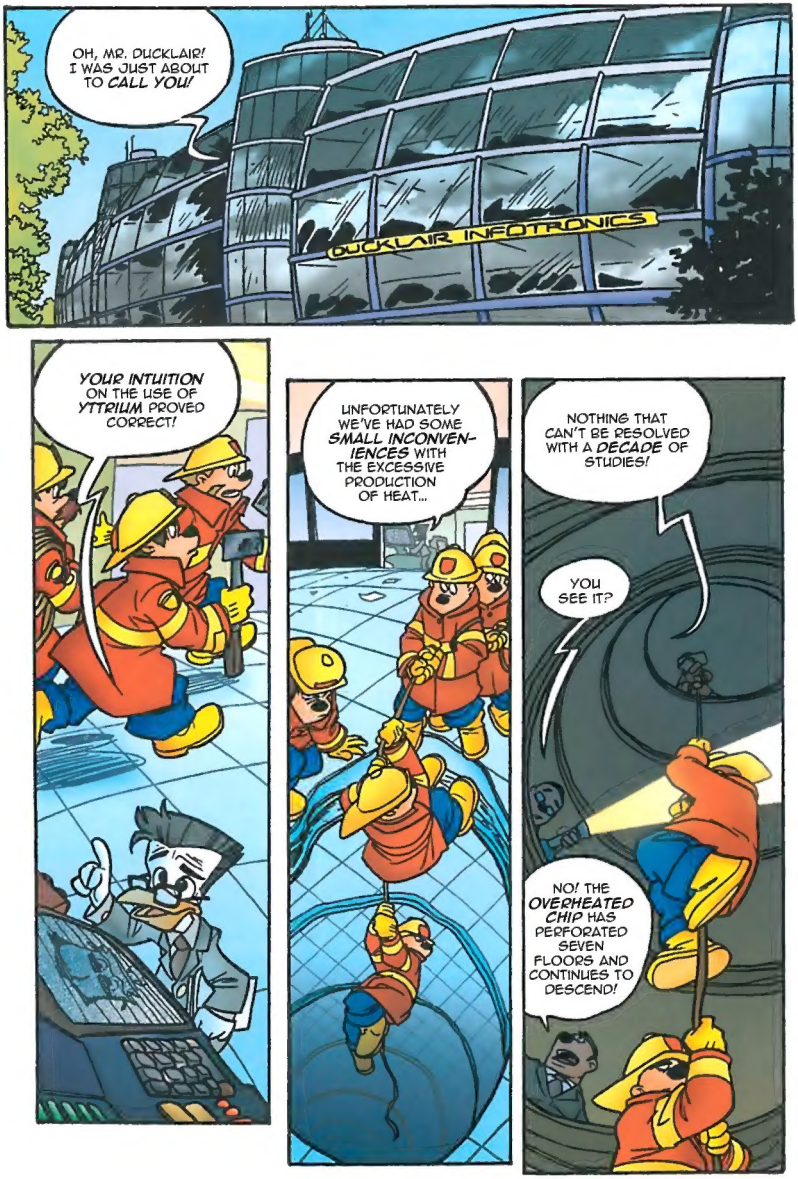

CHANGING
of the
GUARD
Walt Disney
DUCKBURG...
A MONTH BEFORE DONALD DUCK WAS CHOSEN AS *GUARDIAN OF THE EARTH*, THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST FLOOR OF DUCKLAIR TOWER LOOKED...

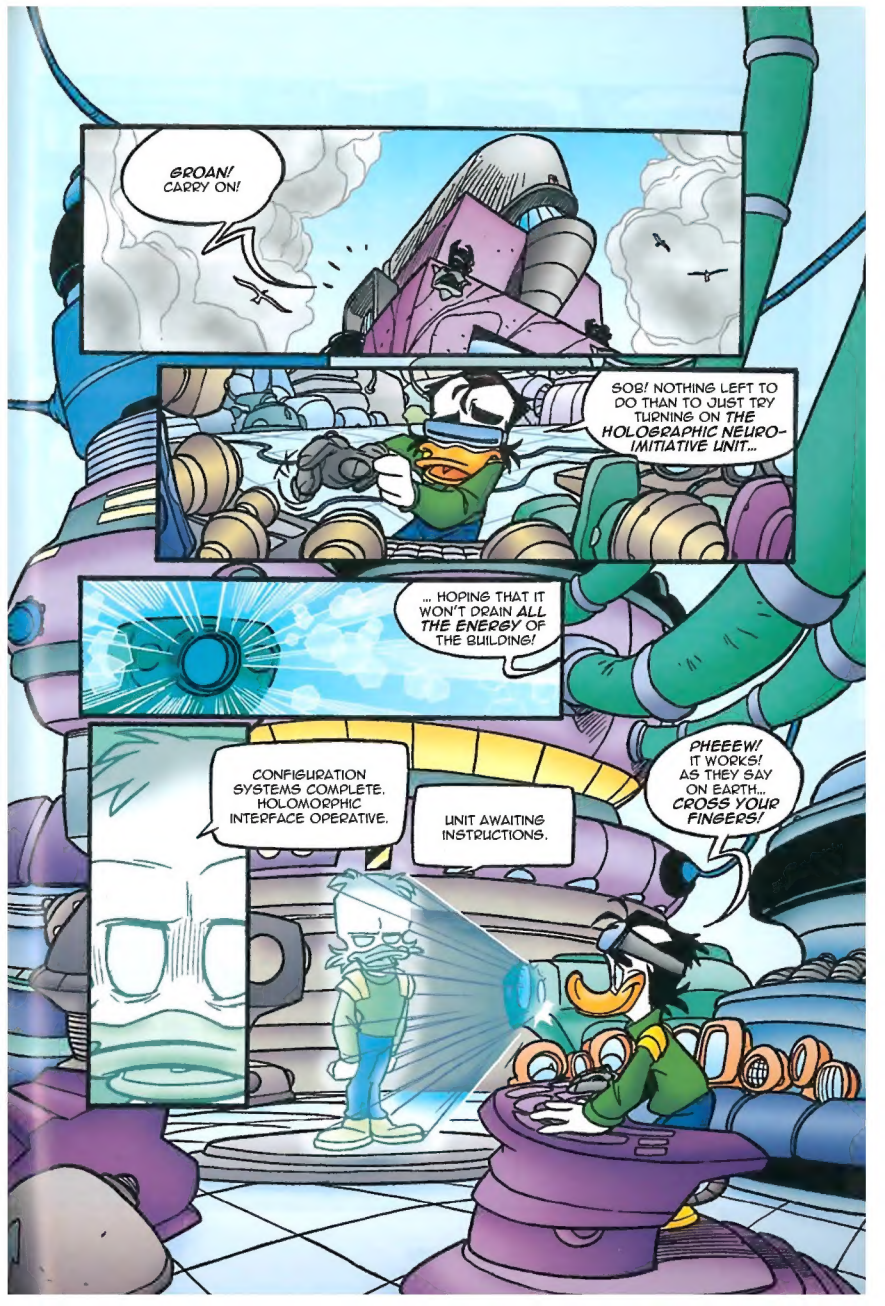

... LIKE THIS!
NOOO! WHERE DID THE MICROSCREW END UP?
IT ROLLED UNDER HERE...
AHA! FOUND IT!

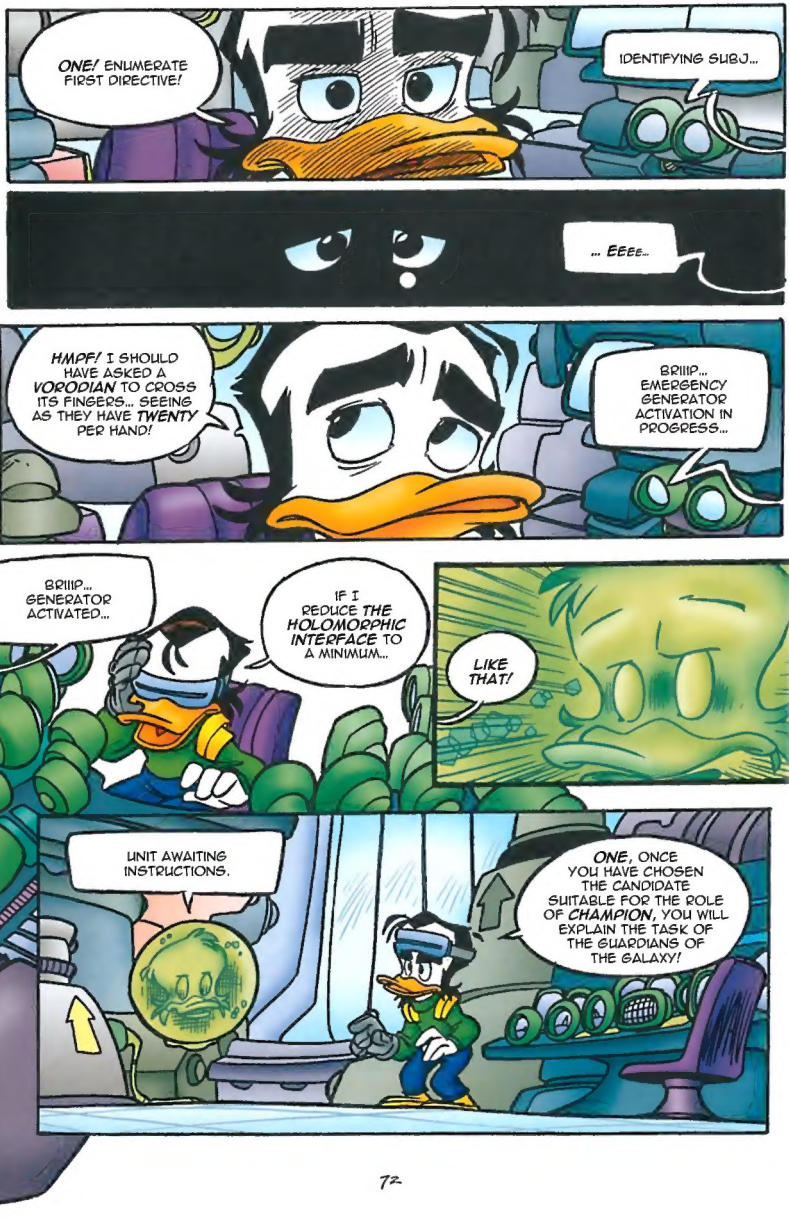
SGRUNT! I WONDER WHY EARTHLINGS CONSTRUCT SO SMALL OBJECTS, IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO MOVE THEM WITHOUT LOSING THEM?
THEY'RE A STRANGE PEOPLE. I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO STAY LONGER TO STUDY THEM BETTER...
... BUT TIME'S SHORT!
BREEO BREEO
OUCH!
AGENT ED209... FROM THE GALACTIC COMMAND OF NAURYN THETA! CODE YELLOW-THREE!
GLOM! RIGHT!

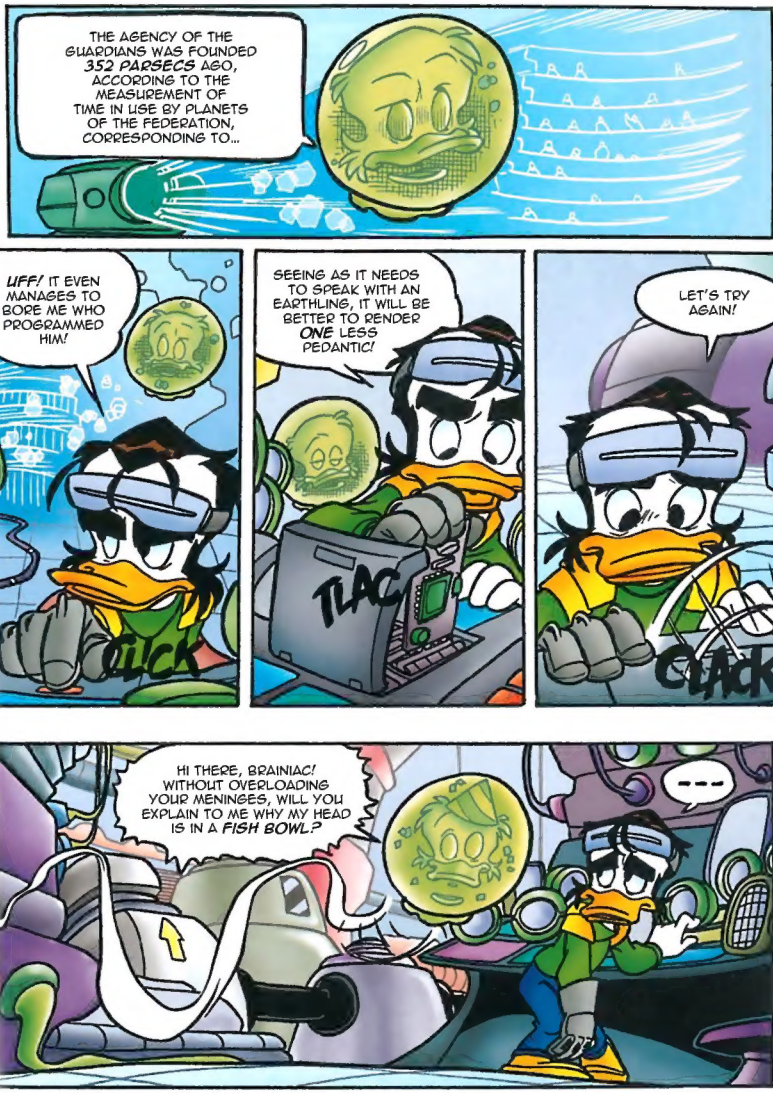

AGENT ED209, YOU'VE ALREADY RECEIVED YOUR ORDER! WHY ARE YOU STILL ON EARTH?
THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE A.I. THAT NEEDS TO CHOOSE THE CHAMPION OF THIS PLANET IS TURNING OUT TO BE SLOWER THAN EXPECTED.
I UNDERSTAND AND COMMEND YOUR INITIATIVE! AN AGENT SHOULD NEVER LEAVE THEIR TASK PENDING...
... HOWEVER, THE GRAVE PROBLEM YOU KNOW OF REQUIRES THE PRESENCE OF ALL GUARDIANS. I ORDER YOU TO IMMEDIATELY LEAVE EARTH!

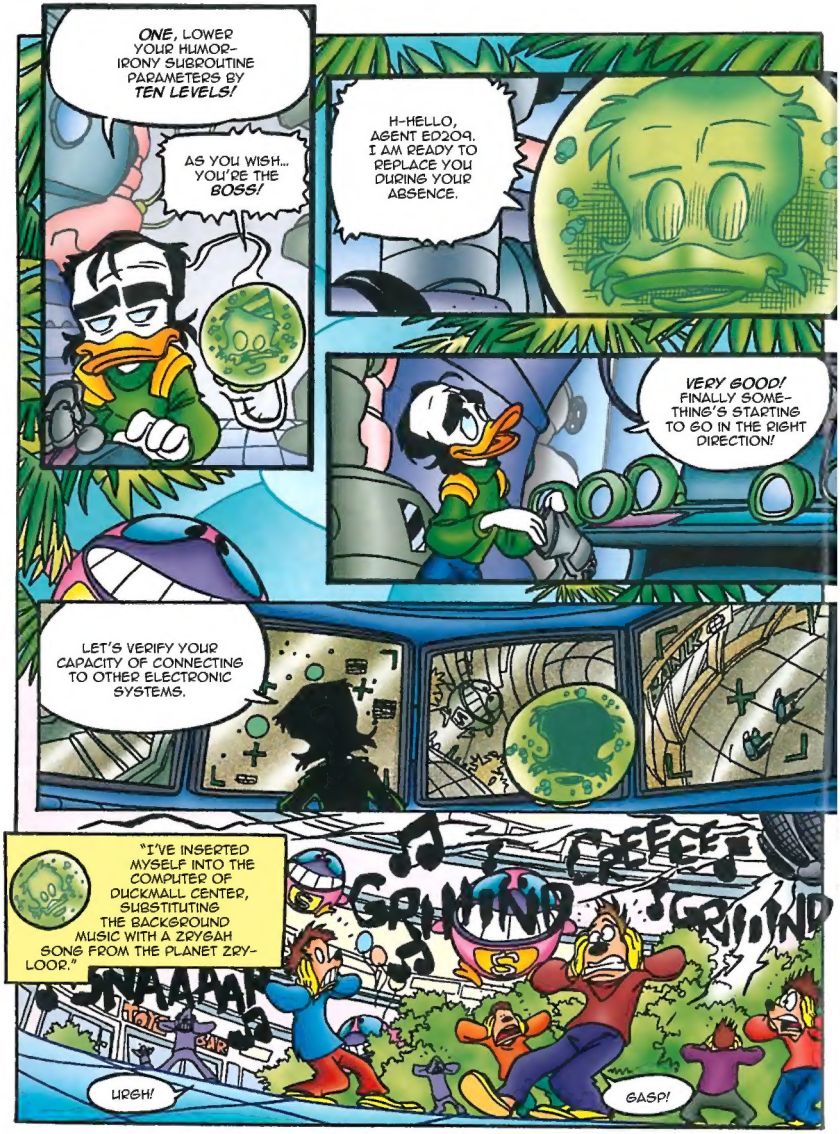

DISCIPLINE IS ORDER. AND ORDER OPPOSES THE ENTROPY OF THE UNIVERSE!
AS YOU COMMAND, SIR!
SNORT! I HAVE TO HURRY UP!
IF MY TECHNICIANS HAD AT LEAST FINISHED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NANOPARTICLE CHIPS...
I'VE VIOLATED AT LEAST FIFTEEN DIRECTIVES, SUGGESTING WHAT NEW CHEMICAL REACTIONS TO STUDY.
BUT THAT COMPONENT WOULD SOLVE ALL OF THE COMPUTER'S ENERGETIC CONSUMPTION PROBLEMS!
ENGINEER BORING, DO YOU HEAR ME?

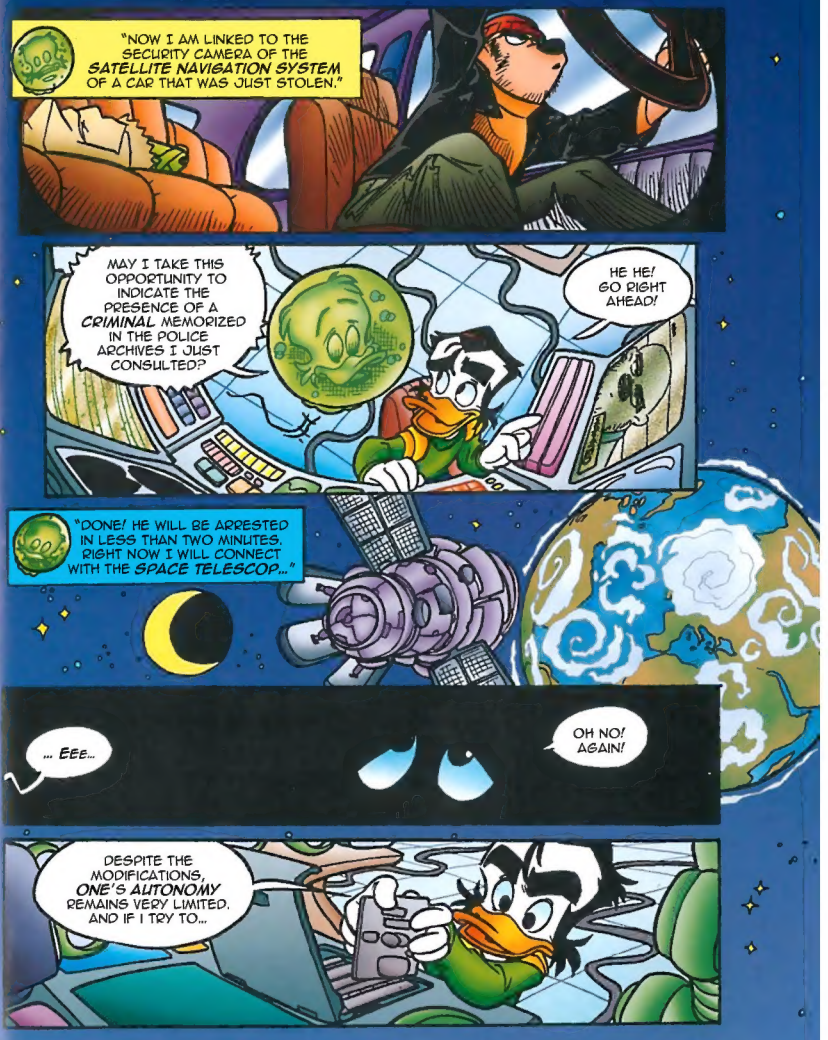

OH, MR. DUCKLAIR! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO *CALL YOU!*
DUCKLAIR INFOTRONICS
YOUR INTUITION ON THE USE OF *YTTRIUM* PROVED CORRECT!
UNFORTUNATELY WE'VE HAD SOME *SMALL INCONVENIENCES* WITH THE EXCESSIVE PRODUCTION OF HEAT...
NOTHING THAT CAN'T BE RESOLVED WITH A *DECADE* OF STUDIES!
YOU SEE IT?
NO! THE *OVERHEATED CHIP* HAS PERFORATED SEVEN FLOORS AND CONTINUES TO DESCEND!

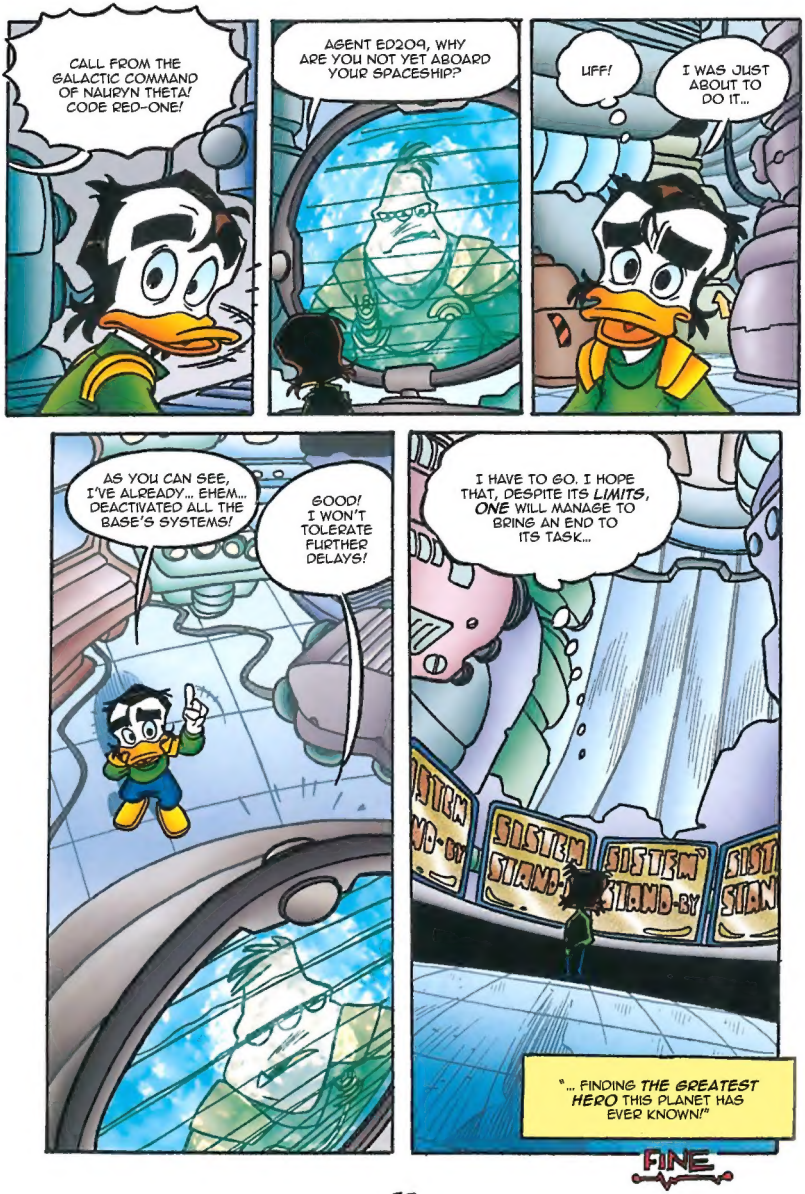

GROAN! CARRY ON!
SOB! NOTHING LEFT TO DO THAN TO JUST TRY TURNING ON THE HOLOGRAPHIC NEURO-IMITIATIVE UNIT...
... HOPING THAT IT WON'T DRAIN ALL THE ENERGY OF THE BUILDING!
CONFIGURATION SYSTEMS COMPLETE. HOLOMORPHIC INTERFACE OPERATIVE.
UNIT AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS.
PHEEEW! IT WORKS! AS THEY SAY ON EARTH... CROSS YOUR FINGERS!


ONE! ENUMERATE FIRST DIRECTIVE!
IDENTIFYING SUBJ...
... EEEE...
HMPF! I SHOULD HAVE ASKED A VORODIAN TO CROSS ITS FINGERS... SEEING AS THEY HAVE TWENTY PER HAND!
BRIIIP... EMERGENCY GENERATOR ACTIVATION IN PROGRESS...
BRIIIP... GENERATOR ACTIVATED...
IF I REDUCE THE HOLOMORPHIC INTERFACE TO A MINIMUM...
LIKE THAT!
UNIT AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS.
ONE, ONCE YOU HAVE CHOSEN THE CANDIDATE SUITABLE FOR THE ROLE OF CHAMPION, YOU WILL EXPLAIN THE TASK OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY!


THE AGENCY OF THE GUARDIANS WAS FOUNDED 352 PARSECS AGO, ACCORDING TO THE MEASUREMENT OF TIME IN USE BY PLANETS OF THE FEDERATION, CORRESPONDING TO...
UFF! IT EVEN MANAGES TO BORE ME WHO PROGRAMMED HIM!
CLICK
SEEING AS IT NEEDS TO SPEAK WITH AN EARTHLING, IT WILL BE BETTER TO RENDER ONE LESS PEDANTIC!
TLAC
LET'S TRY AGAIN!
CLACK
HI THERE, BRAINIAC! WITHOUT OVERLOADING YOUR MENINGES, WILL YOU EXPLAIN TO ME WHY MY HEAD IS IN A FISH BOWL?


ONE, LOWER YOUR HUMOR-IRONY SUBROUTINE PARAMETERS BY TEN LEVELS!
AS YOU WISH... YOU'RE THE BOSS!
H-HELLO, AGENT ED209. I AM READY TO REPLACE YOU DURING YOUR ABSENCE.
VERY GOOD! FINALLY SOMETHING'S STARTING TO GO IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!
LET'S VERIFY YOUR CAPACITY OF CONNECTING TO OTHER ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS.
"I'VE INSERTED MYSELF INTO THE COMPUTER OF DUCKMALL CENTER, SUBSTITUTING THE BACKGROUND MUSIC WITH A ZRYSAH SONG FROM THE PLANET ZRYLOOR."
CREEE
GRIIIND
GRIIIND
AAAAAH
URGH!
GASP!


"NOW I AM LINKED TO THE SECURITY CAMERA OF THE SATELLITE NAVIGATION SYSTEM OF A CAR THAT WAS JUST STOLEN."
MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF A CRIMINAL MEMORIZED IN THE POLICE ARCHIVES I JUST CONSULTED?
HE HE! GO RIGHT AHEAD!
"DONE! HE WILL BE ARRESTED IN LESS THAN TWO MINUTES. RIGHT NOW I WILL CONNECT WITH THE SPACE TELESCOP..."
... EEE...
OH NO! AGAIN!
DESPITE THE MODIFICATIONS, ONE'S AUTONOMY REMAINS VERY LIMITED. AND IF I TRY TO...


CALL FROM THE GALACTIC COMMAND OF NAUBYN THETA! CODE RED-ONE!
AGENT ED209, WHY ARE YOU NOT YET ABOARD YOUR SPACESHIP?
UFF!
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO DO IT...
AS YOU CAN SEE, I'VE ALREADY... EHEM... DEACTIVATED ALL THE BASE'S SYSTEMS!
GOOD! I WON'T TOLERATE FURTHER DELAYS!
I HAVE TO GO. I HOPE THAT, DESPITE ITS LIMITS, ONE WILL MANAGE TO BRING AN END TO ITS TASK...
SYSTEM STAND-BY
"... FINDING THE GREATEST HERO THIS PLANET HAS EVER KNOWN!"
FINE